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other villages into the sea as was originally the case prior to the diversion towards Cocanada side and that an aqueduct might be constructed at Kovvuru to discharge surplus waters of the Yeluru Biccavole drain and other drains; and

(*d*) whether the Government intend to direct the investigation to be made into the schemes suggested in the abovesaid memorials?

A.—(*a*) The local officers have been instructed to take up the investigation of the question of the effective drainage of the Yeleru waters.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) A scheme which is more or less identical with that mentioned in clause (*b*) of the question, viz., to divert the Yeleru, east of the delta so as to pass straight from Samalkota to Vakalapudi, was considered in 1925, but was dropped as the cost of the diversion would be prohibitive, and as the Maharaja of Pittapur, who was chiefly to benefit by the scheme, did not consent to pay any contribution. The Government do not propose to re-examine the scheme.

As regard the scheme for the diversion of the Yeleru mentioned in clause (*c*) the Government propose to await the results of the investigation that has been ordered. An estimate for constructing an aqueduct under the Cocanada Irrigation channel at Kovvur for discharging the surplus waters of the Yeleru, Biccavole and other drains has, however, been sanctioned already.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" With reference to the first paragraph of the answer to clause (*d*), may I know what was the cost of the diversion as was then estimated and what was the contribution that was expected from the Maharaja of Pittapur ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I request the hon. the Revenue Member to kindly place the connected papers on the table ? "

*The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The suggestion will be considered, Sir."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" With reference to the second paragraph of the answer to the same clause, may I know when the investigation is likely to be completed ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" That I cannot possibly say, Sir."

Loans

Reduction of the rate of interest under the Land Improvement Loans Act.

* 1721 *Q.*—Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what orders have been passed by Government on the question of reducing the rate of interest under the Land Improvement Loans Act and the Agricultural Loans Act ?

A.—The question is under the consideration of the Government.

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Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know how soon the question will be decided, Sir? There is a resolution of this House on this subject passed about a year ago."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" We hope that the matter will be decided within a week, Sir."

Territorial Changes

Constitution of a separate province for Oriyas.

* 1722 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have collected any information regarding the question of a separate Oriya province or the amalgamation of the Oriya-speaking division in Bihar and Orissa to be supplied to the Provincial Parliamentary Committee or to the Simon Commission ; and

(b) whether the Government will place these papers on the Council table for the use of the Members of this Council?

A.—(a) & (b) Certain statistics were collected on the subject and supplied to the Indian Statutory Commission. They are laid on the table.[a]

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" With regard to clause (a) of the question, Sir, may I know the reason why the Oriya-speaking tracts of Vizagapatam, i.e., the Agency tracts, are not taken into account? I am referring to the figures given in the Appendix."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Because they were not asked for, Sir."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government have accepted the principle of division of the provinces on linguistic basis ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question does not arise."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—" Will the hon. the Revenue Member be pleased to state whether such statistics are available for the Andhra-speaking area ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" They were not collected ; they could be collected."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether the statistics that were collected on the subject relate particularly to the Oriya-speaking area or to the other areas also ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" To the Ganjam district, Sir."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" May I know whether the Government were asked to furnish statistics only with reference to the Ganjam district or also with reference to the Oriya-speaking tracts of the Madras Presidency ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Ganjam district, Sir."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Are similar statistics collected in the case of the Kanarese-speaking parts of the Presidency ?"

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